

APPENDIX B

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Appendix C

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Memorandum

To: Hon. Robert Eggleton, Supervisor
Town of Rockland, NY

Date: February 16, 2016

Re: *2010 Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan*



As per your request, I have reviewed the 2010 *Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan* (the "Plan"). Based on this review, it would be in the Town's best interest to conduct a formal review of the Plan to determine if its information, goals, and strategies remain valid. In part, the review would determine if the underlying data and resulting assumptions upon which the Plan was based are still current. This action would be consistent with good planning practice which recommends that a municipality review and update (if necessary) its comprehensive plan in its entirety every five (5) years.

While I am not a professional planner, a number of places in the Plan would benefit from an update to reflect current information and new ideas. Since the 2010 Plan was finalized, several Sullivan County and regional planning studies have been completed which may offer new information and ideas in areas important to the Town such as transportation, economic development, agribusiness, agricultural protection, and land use planning and zoning for solar projects. Additionally, the results of the 2010 U.S. Census should be incorporated into the Plan which will allow the Town to evaluate changes to the population and its needs. All of this new information may well cause the Town to revise some of the Plan's goals and strategies. In addition, any outdated statements could be revised or deleted. Examples of places in the Plan in need of review and possible revision are listed below. Any update to the Plan would involve, in part, incorporating new information, updating goals and strategies as necessary and recommending any new zoning amendments.

Keeping a comprehensive plan current every five years has become increasingly important in securing State grants and loans. In addition, recent State changes to the Short Environmental Assessment Form under SEQR place increased emphasis on how a plan's vision and goals compare with a proposed project's various elements. In this changed State climate, it would be good planning practice for the Town to review its comprehensive plan at least every five years.

What is a comprehensive plan

A comprehensive plan is a written document formally adopted by the local governing body (such as a town board) that contains the vision, goals and strategies for the future development and conservation of the community. The plan serves as the community's official policy statement relating to land use; natural and historic resources; economic development; housing and other related topics.¹ *A comprehensive plan and attendant zoning code are the blueprints for a community's future.*

The comprehensive plan is not a law in itself nor does it establish regulations. It is a guiding document which must be considered when developing land use regulations, such as zoning. Land use regulations are one of the means by which the plan's vision is implemented and *all* such regulations must be in accordance with the plan. In turn, an adopted plan, in part, gives a municipality more strength and defensibility when making tough land use decisions.

New York State law does not require towns to have a comprehensive plan, however, State law identifies comprehensive planning and the regulation of land use as "among the most important powers and duties" granted by the State to a town government.²

Comprehensive plan review and update – why update?

By their very nature comprehensive plans require periodic review because the ideas and information on which they are based may change over time. Conducting a review of the comprehensive plan does not necessarily mean that an update to the plan is warranted. If the review concludes that the plan's ideas and information remain valid, then the process can stop there. If, however, the review concludes that revisions to the plan are necessary, then the update process can commence.

New York State town law specifies that the town board, or by town board resolution, the town planning board or special committee may prepare a comprehensive plan or update thereto. The Rockland Town Board would have to decide how it wants to proceed with the process.

2010 Rockland Comprehensive Plan – why update now?

There are numerous places in the Plan where revisions could be made. Some of these are changes that would incorporate new information and delete outdated statements. Any revisions to the Plan's goals and strategies will require thoughtful consideration of new ideas and current information. Listed below are just a few examples of areas in the Plan that would benefit from review and possible revision.

They are as follows:

1. New York State Law § 272-a suggests fifteen (15) areas that "may" be addressed in a comprehensive plan along with other topics consistent with a community's orderly growth and development.
2. NYS Town Law § 272-a.

1. The Plan lacks a Vision Statement. A vision statement describes the “ideal” future of the community. It is the platform upon which a plan’s goals and strategies are based, so it is a critical part of any plan. An example of a vision statement is as follows:

In the year 2025 and beyond, the Town of “X” is a community of productive agricultural areas, attractive residential neighborhoods, cohesive hamlet centers, and protected undeveloped lands. These places are suitably connected by accessible regional highways and streets and linked by a network of walkways and trails. The Town offers convenient access to all that the region—including surrounding counties, the New York metropolitan area, and upstate New York—has to offer. “X” is recognized for the continuing legacy of its rich agricultural heritage, the excellence of its schools, the quality of its public safety and community services, the abundance of its historic resources and recreational opportunities, the productivity of its local businesses, and the beauty and health of its natural environment. The exceptional quality of life contributes to the economic growth and prosperity of the Town and the region, assuring that “X” can continue to meet the increasingly diverse needs and expectations of its residents in a fiscally sustainable manner.

2. The information, tables, and any discussion of needs in each section should be updated to reflect current information such as the 2010 U.S. Census demographics, property tax rates, land use maps, and any changing needs of the Town.
3. New conditions need to be factored into the Plan. For example, the State’s new Solar PV Community Net Metering program creates a need to incorporate solar language into the Plan and to create zoning regulations specific to solar arrays.
4. Better organize the Plan using detailed, stand-alone topic sections each with their own specific recommendations as suggested below. While some of these topics exist in the current Plan, in many cases the discussion is both cursory and thin on recommendations. *In particular, the sections on economic development and agribusiness lack a discussion of the existing business climate and solid actions to be taken in order to attract new businesses and retain existing businesses.*

Suggested revision to the Table of Contents including new stand-alone sections:

Section 1 – Introduction

Purpose

Vision Statement – new

Background and Process – new

Regional and Local Planning Efforts to Date – new

Content – new

SEQRA – new

Section 2 – Setting

Section 3 – Summary of Socioeconomic Conditions – new

Section 4 – Natural Resources

Section 5 – Residential areas – new

Section 6 – Commercial Mixed Use Areas – new

Section 7 – Economic Development

Section 8 – Agriculture (agribusiness) – new

Section 9 – Transportation

Section 10 – Community Services

Section 11 – Cultural, Historic and Recreational Resources – new

Section 12 – Proposed Land Use & Zoning Changes – new

Section 13 – Implementation – new. Itemize strategies from every section and assign each a priority ranking and identify the party(s) responsible to implement them.

Appendices

5. There is a lack of important reference maps in the Plan. Such maps are vital planning tools in making informed decisions affecting the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the community. A list of certain maps typically found in good comprehensive plans is as follows:

Existing zoning map

Map showing proposed zoning changes (if any)

Map of the Town showing roads, hamlets, streams, etc.

Map showing the Town's location within Sullivan County and the State

Existing land use map showing actual use by parcel for residential, commercial, farms, etc.

Agricultural District map

Map of existing school districts

Map of existing fire districts

Municipal water and sewer district maps

Environmental features map – showing wetlands, flood plains, streams, etc.

Groundwater resources map

Historic, cultural & recreational resources map – showing parks, historic structures, etc.

6. List specific projects within relevant sections of the Plan. For example, if a park needs to replace old playground equipment or add new equipment to meet growing demand, then list the specific type equipment in the section on Cultural, Historic and Recreational resources. Creating new parks, walkways/trails and improvements to potable water and wastewater facilities are other examples of projects to list. The State's revised grant system places increased emphasis on projects that can demonstrate evidence of public support. Projects listed in a comprehensive plan are presumed by the State to have public support.

This is by no means an all inclusive list of areas in the Plan that would benefit from a review and potential update. However, the list and this memo will hopefully provide the Town Board with a clear sense of (a) why the existing Plan should be reviewed, (b) what areas of the Plan could benefit from an update, and (c) how the Town would benefit from this action.

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Appendix D

Roscoe Community Visioning Workshops

August 20, 2007

What We Love

Our Setting:

Natural Beauty*****

Mountains**

Rivers ***

Location - streams & scenery

Natural resources (4-season recreation)

Outdoor resources

Wilderness (hiking, biking, etc.)

Environment

Fishing

Mountains

Views

Pretty

Snowy winters

Our Character:

Small town feel*****

History**

Great potential!

Good place to raise kids

Quiet

Safe

Main Street

Farm Market

Outdoor Café

O&W Museum

Library

Our Community:

People ****

Caring & giving people

Great neighbors

Togetherness**

Sense of community

Mix of people

Welcoming

Friendliness

No-one bothers you, but everyone pulls together

What We Would Like to Change

Improve Appearance:

Appearance***

Empty buildings ***

New sidewalks ***

Better curb appeal (exits)

Stewart Ave. & Old 17

Old 17 needs a face lift **

Beautify entrance ramps

One color on Main St?

Need a cohesive look

Code enforcement

Cosmetic improvements

TLC

Clean up

Walkability

River clean up

More Recreational Activities:

Fix pool! *****

Riverside park***

Recreation for kids

Family-oriented activities

Activities for kids & teens**

Structured activities for youth

Recreational opportunities for everyone

Walking path around pool

Walking trail along river

Family/recreation center

Community Center

Swimming places

Gathering spot

Skate park

Indoor pool?

Science Fair

Economic Development:

More tourism

More flyers & better promotion

Tax incentives to fill empty buildings

New investment in buildings

Business development

More taxable property

Better grocery store

Fix movie theatre

More arts

Timing of events
People to man things
Missing a market to capitalize on

Community Needs:

Pool
Swimming holes
Community recreation area
Bicycle and walking paths
Youth and elderly health
Band concerts
Expand Winter Fest
Harvest events
Expand business season
Community Center
Code enforcement
Street repairs

**Community Appearance
and Aesthetics**

Community Assets:

Good first impression
Natural beauty of the area
"Trout Town USA"
Small Town America feel
Easy on/Easy off
Welcoming & skilled artists
Farmers' Market

Community Problems:

Code enforcement
Lack of community involvement
Lack of communication
Lack of funding
Resistance to change
Lack of Leadership
Lack of Information
Need to include weekenders

Community Needs:

Neglected buildings & homes
Sidewalks
Parking
Traffic patterns
Community gathering space
Public art
Benches & parks
Better publicity for events
Improved welcome area
Litter pick-up
Community clean up assistance

Roscoe Community Visioning Workshops

Summary of Focus Group Findings

Business Development and Tourism

Community Assets:

Natural resources
(streams, mountains, seasons)
Marketable location
EZ on/EZ off from Route 17
Existing business infrastructure
Name recognition:
Roscoe, Trout Town USA
History (fishing, railroad, etc.)
O&W Museum
Eateries
Bus service from metro areas
Quality nursing home

Community Problems:

Insufficient commitment to marketing
Lack of rooms/lodging
River (aesthetics)
Flooding
Parking space & requirements
Code enforcement
Abandoned buildings
Snow removal
Public perception
Web page

Community Needs:

Commitment to advertising
Sign ordinance
Town traffic control
Highway signs
Local marketing
Rooms/beds
Grocery store

Infrastructure and Community Services

Community Assets:

Woods & water
Accessibility to the highway

Interested community members
History
Talent & ability
Dual community -
P/T & F/T residents
School
Riverside Park site location
Public library
Museum
Strong community theatre group

Community Problems:

Apathy/Customer service manners
Slow speeders down
Traffic
Lack of community constables
Abandoned health clinic
Poor attendance at town meetings
Union Street garbage
Cost of utilities

Community Needs:

Spa at the Campbell Inn
Open the Antrim!
Pharmacy
Theatre
Riverside Park for film, park, fun
Public services (restrooms)
Ample parking
A "commons" or gathering space
Another cell tower
Color to the "ROSCOE" sign
Manned information booth
Displaying our history
Pool

**Recreation and
Social Issues**

Community Assets:

Pool (under school control)
Determination of residents
Fishing
Hunting
Outdoor activities
Surrounding countryside
Areas to develop needs
Fireman's Park

Community Problems:

Floodplain area
Pool cracking
Elderly
Insurance problems

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Summary of Project Ideas

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
New Enhanced Web Site	This project involves developing a new web site that is to date with today's technology. The new web site will be complete with information on all outdoor activities, businesses and services.	Low	Easy	Short	None	18
Roscoe Outdoor Publication	This project would involve printing a yearly magazine with information on everything outdoors - including fishing, hunting, biking, etc.	Medium	Medium	Short	Moderate	13
Real Impact Advertising	This project involves developing a high impact advertising campaign to direct visitors to Roscoe, including TV ads on regional cable channels, advertising at local outlets and print ads in publications such as the Bethel Woods program.	High	Easy	Short - Long	None	13
Highway Business Directory	This project involves installing a business directory at the exit ramp that would provide clear, concise direction for visitors upon entering Roscoe.	Medium	Easy	Short	None	3
Catskill Grocers Sign	This project involves utilizing the ideal visibility of the Catskill Grocers building to entice travelers to visit our town. A mural could be painted or a sign placed on the side of the building proclaiming "East or West Exit 94 is the best!"	Low	Easy	Short	Moderate	6

RECREATION & SOCIAL ISSUES						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
Seasonal Banners & Flags	This project involves purchasing seasonal banners to display throughout the year - patriotic, trout, holiday, harvest, etc.	Medium	Easy	Short	None	2
Fall Harvest Programs & Events	This project involves developing a series of harvest-themed events to be kicked-off with the September Fall Festival. Activities and events to be held every weekend in October could include hay rides, cornstalk decorating, scarecrow competition, scary story time, square dances...	Medium	Medium	Short	None	3
Ice Skating Rink	This project involves creating a temporary ice skating rink and would include getting permission from the property owner, purchasing a liner and restoring some benches.	Low	Easy	Short	None	4
Recreation Hall	This project involves utilizing the existing Rockland Fire House as a "recreation hall" with activities such as bingo, low-impact exercise, expanded senior activities, art programs for kids, movie nights, etc.	Low	Easy	Short	Moderate	6
Walking Path Around School Yard	This project involves developing a designated walking trail around the perimeter of the school yard, connecting to the area that runs along the river by the bus garage.	Low	Easy	Short	None	6
Code Enforcement	This project involves stepping up code enforcement in Roscoe, forcing property owners to paint and repair empty buildings.	Low	Hard	Long	High	***
Pool Restoration	This project involves restoring the existing pool at the school through a bond referendum put up to vote. An alternative would be to find another location for a new pool to be built possibly by the Town.	High	Hard	Long	High	12
Town Gathering Spot	This project would involve purchase of the old theatre lot on Stewart Avenue where a gazebo could be placed and a "town square" developed.	High	Hard	Long	High	2

INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
Enhanced Code Enforcement	This project would involve cleaning up the trash on Main St, Union St. & Stewart Avenue, getting rid of old cars and painting run down buildings and homes.	Low	Easy	Medium	Moderate	***
Exit 94 West - Staging Area	This project involves sprucing up the area around the existing directory sign at Exit 94 westbound with benches, seasonal decorations, etc. Will require approval from NYSDOT and may be impacted by I-86 work.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Moderate	1
Stewart Avenue Enhancements	This project involves several enhancements along Stewart Avenue, including planting trees, adding additional lighting on the east side of Stewart Avenue, new sidewalks, waste receptacles and public restrooms. It also involves contacting the Sherriff's Dept. for assistance with slowing down speeders.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Moderate	13
Wetland Park	This project involves developing a wetland park area on the property along the river. The property is town owned and would need to be cleared and maintained, and could include an information kiosk and porta-johns, but no infrastructure that could be damaged by flooding.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Moderate - High	8
History Walk	This project would involve placing signs and plaques about Roscoe's history along Old Route 17, Stewart Avenue, Highland Ave, etc.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	7
Flood Mitigation	This project involves soliciting sponsors for a collaborative effort to provide protection of Roscoe and its history from further flooding.	Medium	Hard	Long	High	10

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE & AESTHETICS

Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
Targeted Code Enforcement	This project involves targeting code enforcement along Old Route 17, Union Street and Rockland Road. Focus should be placed on paint & general repairs, debris removal, lawn care and making owners accountable for derelict buildings.	Low	Medium	Medium	Moderate	***
Cultural Events	This project involves utilizing open spaces in and around Roscoe for cultural events and year-round arts or music.	Low	Easy	Short	None	13
Hiking Trails	This project involves constructing new trails in the Roscoe, Cooks Falls and Livingston Manor area, as well as mapping existing trails	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	4
Parking Evaluation	This project involves evaluating existing parking and traffic flow in Roscoe. The goal would be to identify areas for expanded municipal parking (pre-flood acquisition property?) and possibly changing traffic patterns.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Moderate	1
Art Installations	This project would involve a "Public Art Initiative" designed to display local talent. Art installations could be placed in empty storefront windows, and an art opening night or art walk could be created.	Low	Easy	Short	None	11
Sidewalk Installation	This project involves securing funding for the replacement of existing sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks along Stewart Avenue and Old Route 17.	High	Hard	Long	Moderate	3
Scenic Mural	This project involves painting a four-season scenic mural with a trout or other logo along Highland Ave that would be visible from Route 17.	Low	Easy	Short	Moderate	9
Trout Town USA Icon	This project would involve placing a huge symbol (trout or fly-fishing statue) on Route 17 near the Exit to Roscoe, perhaps by the "ROSCOE" sign.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	1

Appendix E

2013

Livingston Manor Community Visioning Workshops Summary of Focus Group Findings

Recreation and Social Issues

Community Assets:

Library
Local Service Organizations
- Catskill Art Society
- Rotary
- Lions Club
- Ambulance/Fire Dept.
Rotary Park - Ice Carnival
River access
Easy access to Route 17
Wide Main Street
Community Partnerships
Multi-age community
Positive businesses
Beautiful school
Caboose - info about things to do
Livingston Manor Web Site

Community Problems:

Flooding/environmental issues
Lack of jobs
Poor communication among groups
More community involvement (diversity)
Better information to visitors
Lack of youth activities
Need more diverse businesses
Get students to use the Library
More activities beyond Main Street

Community Needs:

Community Center
Youth/Senior all-purpose center
More volunteers
Engage youth more
Local police dept.
Better use of the river
More parking
More lodging/places to stay
More communication
Sidewalks on Upper Main
River Walk

Community Appearance and Aesthetics

Community Assets:

Natural beauty & river
Beautiful school
Caring volunteers
Creative people/artists/CAS
Local Promoters
Rich history (web site)
Abundant recreational opportunities
Churches & programs
Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
Parks - Rotary/Renaissance
Main Street (quaintness/accessible)
Interesting facades/architecture
Beautiful Victorian houses on side streets
Planters/flowers/banners
Layout of the business district
Foundation of core businesses on Main St.
Great parking
Community gardens/gardeners
Camping
Easy highway access
Covered Bridges
Ice Fishing

Community Problems:

Knotweed eradication
Litter
Dog poop
Empty lots (like "missing teeth")
Crime/drugs/poverty
Not enough full-time residents

Community Needs:

Façade improvements (Main Street)
More history panels
Riverwalk
Stricter code enforcement
Gateway improvements
Repainting of buildings
Extend sidewalk to the Library
Dog Park
Garbage cans
Dog poop ordinances

Livingston Manor Community Visioning Workshops

Summary of Focus Group Findings

Business Development and Tourism

Assets:

Physical beauty & setting of town
Proximity to Route 17
Tourist info near highway
Walkable Main Street
Bed & Breakfasts
Fishing
Pretty Town
Good Mix of businesses
Abundance of Artists
Gateway to Catskill Park
Proximity to NYC
Library
Fly Fishing Museum
Catskill Art Society
Manor Inn
Trout Parade

Problems & Needs

Flooding
Vacant & foreclosed storefronts
Insufficient marketing of businesses
Need business plan/marketing strategy
Need a movie theatre/music venue
Need facilities for locals & tourists
Place to stay for weekend/B&Bs
Community Calendar/Bulletin Board
Need a mix of different businesses
Large business as a draw
Restaurants/Cafés
Bakery
Basic Department Store
Antique Mall/Flea Market
Fish Market
Pharmacy
Need more hiking/biking trails
River walk with benches
Equivalent of "high line" in NYC
Encouragement to use trails
Drugs/poverty/crime
Neighborhood Watch/cameras
Lack of public transportation
Need more volunteers
Swimming Pool

Infrastructure and Community Services

Assets:

Boutique & Gourmet Shopping
Creative & talented businesses
Post office/bank/school
Walkability
Proximity of essential services
Friends/colleagues/community
Water & Sewer Plant
Catskill Art Society
Catskill Fly Fishing Museum
High Speed Internet
Easy parking
Access to Route 17/I-86
Catskill State Park
Historic buildings/structures
Dedicated volunteers & organizations
Camping
Trout Parade
Railway Bed/Railroad Station
Litter Pluck

Community Problems:

Parking on Main Street
Drug problem @ park
Lack of youth/senior facility
No town pool
Molding/decaying buildings
Sewer system needs repair
Foreclosed buildings
Too much Section 8 housing

Community Needs:

School after hours (community center)
New sidewalks (upper Main to Library)
Better code enforcement
Long-term public access to parks
Medical care/dentist/pharmacy
Municipal parking
Jogging/hiking/biking/walking trail

Livingston Manor Community Visioning Workshops Summary of Project Ideas

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (GROUP 1)						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
Branding the Town	This project involves branding Livingston Manor as a “gateway to the Catskills” emphasizing its affordability, proximity to NYC, historic Main Street, and more.	Medium	Medium	Done in phases	None	3
Recruit & Target Businesses	This project involves developing a strategy to recruit new businesses to Livingston Manor, including researching other successful towns with a similar draw. Priority would be recruiting restaurants and B&Bs.	Medium	Medium	1-3 years	None	15
Commercial Kitchen	This project would involve establishing a commercial kitchen in town with an emphasis on farm-to-table value-added co-packers. It would capitalize on the town’s location, captive audience of producers in the area, and could possibly be a distribution hub.	High	Medium/ High	2-5 years	Moderate	12
Fly Fishing Shop	This project involves attracting a fly-fishing shop to Livingston Manor, capitalizing on the Wulff School of Fly Fishing nearby.					0
Live Music/Bar or Comedy Club	This project involves attracting a business that would offer live music, such as a bar or comedy club that could be a place for musicians to perform, and also for special events.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	18
Lodging/B&Bs	This project involves attracting new lodging establishments, including bed & breakfasts that are close to town.	High	Medium	Medium	None	3
Restaurants/ Food Truck	This project involves attracting new eating and drinking establishments to the town, as gathering hubs for the community. It also includes the idea of hosting a “Food Truck Festival” or simply creating a place where a food truck could park permanently with picnic tables, etc. (for example at the site of the former Hoos Building.	Medium	Medium	Medium	1 year	19

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Summary of Project Ideas

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (GROUP II)						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
River Walk/Rails to Trails	This project involves establishing a river walk behind the businesses on Main Street and down to the Hoos Building which may end up being green space. Also make a connection to the rail-trail that goes through Parksville on the O&W right of way.	High	Hard	Long	Medium	22
Living Herb Center	This project involves creating a non-profit "Living Herb Center" which would feature a medicinal herb garden in a solar heating greenhouse, an educational conference and workshop facility, and a library.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	12
Advertising/PR Committee	This project involves convening a group of individuals to spearhead and implement a business recruitment search.	Low	Easy	Medium	None	4
Extend Main Street to Shandelee	This project would involve developing a plan to extend the existing business district along Upper Main toward Shandelee where it doesn't flood. It would involve identifying business locations and potential tenants, and exploring the addition of sidewalks and lighting.	Low	Medium	Medium	Moderate	3
Improve Parking Lot at Renaissance Park	This project involves improving the parking lot at Renaissance Park and making it more attractive and part of the park.	Medium	Medium	Short	None	2
Announcement/ Bulletin Board	This project involves installing a centralized announcement board or community bulletin board where announcements of community events and activities could be posted.	Low	Easy	Short	None	1

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Summary of Project Ideas

INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES (GROUP 1)						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
Railroad Trail/ Parking	This project involves creating a jogging, hiking, biking and walking trail where the railroad to Parksville is presently located. Parking lots would be located along the way with benches and bike racks. It could also incorporate a geo-caching site.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	23
Community Center @ School	This project involves creating a community center for students, seniors, and the entire community to use. It could be located at the school and include after-school programs, use of gym, and possibly Friday night movies.	Medium	Medium	Short	None	5
Health Care Infrastructure	This project involves providing space/facilities for health care providers (MD, DDS, Pharmacist, Nutritionist, PT, OT, etc.) in Livingston Manor.	High	Hard	Long	None	0
Wind Turbine/ Renewable Energy	This project involves exploring the idea of developing a community-owned and developed wind farm to reduce the tax base for landowners.	High	Hard	Long	Moderate	22

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Summary of Project Ideas

INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES (GROUP II)						
Project Title	Project Description	Cost?	Difficulty?	Timeframe?	Controversy?	Votes
New Business Corridor (Old 17)	This project involves turning Old Route 17 into a "new" business corridor for Livingston Manor. This would take advantage of available water & sewer infrastructure, as well as substantial off-street parking.	High	Hard	Long	High	3
New Business Corridor (Upper Main)	This project involves redeveloping Upper Main Street into a new business corridor, including possibly securing grant money to finance building renovations	High	High	Long	High	8
Sidewalks & Lights on Upper Main	This project involves completing the sidewalk project which was started 10 years ago by extending sidewalks onto Upper Main Street and adding matching lamp posts.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	18
Rails to Trails Feasibility Study	This project involves evaluating the feasibility of creating a rail trail from Main St. in Livingston Manor to Morriston utilizing the old railroad bed. Such a trail could incorporate Sonoma Falls and the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum.	Medium	Easy	Medium	None	11
Redevelopment Consultant	This project involves hiring a consultant to evaluate and prepare a business plan for the redevelopment of Upper Main Street.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	1

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RECREATION & SOCIAL ISSUES						
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Community Center & School	There is a great need for a central place for people to gather for programs and information. In the absence of constructing a new building, there are opportunities to use existing locations, such as the school.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	38
Community Center Without Walls	This project involves creating community center (in the absence of a physical building) by taking advantage of opportunities to program existing “spaces” such as the library, the Catskill Art Society etc.	Low	Easy	Short	Medium	5
Outdoor Recreation Area (Trails/River Walk)	This project involves using Rotary Park to create a trail system. There is a rail to trail connection in Livingston Manor and with some effort it could lead to Parksville, and could also incorporate the river.	Medium-High	Medium-Hard	Long	Medium	16
Volunteer Recruitment	This project would involve developing a strategy to recruit more community volunteers for Renaissance, Fire Department, Rotary, etc.	Low	Difficult	Ongoing	None	5
Communication: Bulletin Board, etc.	This project involves improving communication about community events through a community bulletin board that could be located on Main Street and/or social networking.	Medium	Easy	Ongoing	None	0

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Community Events	This project involves creating new annual events (in addition to the Trout Parade and Ice Carnival) that will bring the community together. Ideas include barn dances, movies @ Renaissance Park, etc.	Low	Easy	Short	None	10
Youth Board	There is no existing structure to program events and activities for youth town-wide. This project involves exploring the feasibility of the Town Board formally establishing a Youth Board, or Volunteer Youth Commission.	Low	Easy	Short	Medium	13
Enhanced Programs @ Library	Everyone loves the Library! This project involves creating additional programming at the Library and communicating that to the public.	Medium	Easy	Ongoing	Low	14

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COMMUNITY APPEARANCE & AESTHETICS							
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Sign Enhancement	This project involves improving signage throughout town, including at the Caboose and all entrances. The signage could include a covered bridge theme, and new directional signage for the covered bridges. Also, maybe a large sign that can be seen from Route 17 with space for community events.	Medium	Medium	Medium	Moderate	5	
Entry/Exit Improvement	This project involves adding trees to Terry's Garden at the entrance/exit to Route 17, improving the fishing access parking area, and painting/refurbishing the caboose.	Medium	Medium	Long	None	7	
Streetscape Amenities	This project involves repairing/replacing metal trash cans and lamp posts on Main Street, adding dog waste stations, resetting paver bricks, and adding iron benches to match the lamp posts and trash cans.	High	Medium	Long	None	4	
Covered Bridge Theme	This project involves using covered bridges as a marketing/branding theme for Livingston Manor. It could include a logo contest, creating a covered bridge walking/bike tour and developing a brochure for the info kiosk.	Medium	Medium	Medium	None	24	
River Walk/ Central Town Square	This project involves creating a central park on Main Street and making a connection along the river to Renaissance Park. It could include lighting along the pathway, and possibly an anchor restaurant.	High	Medium	Medium	Moderate	24	